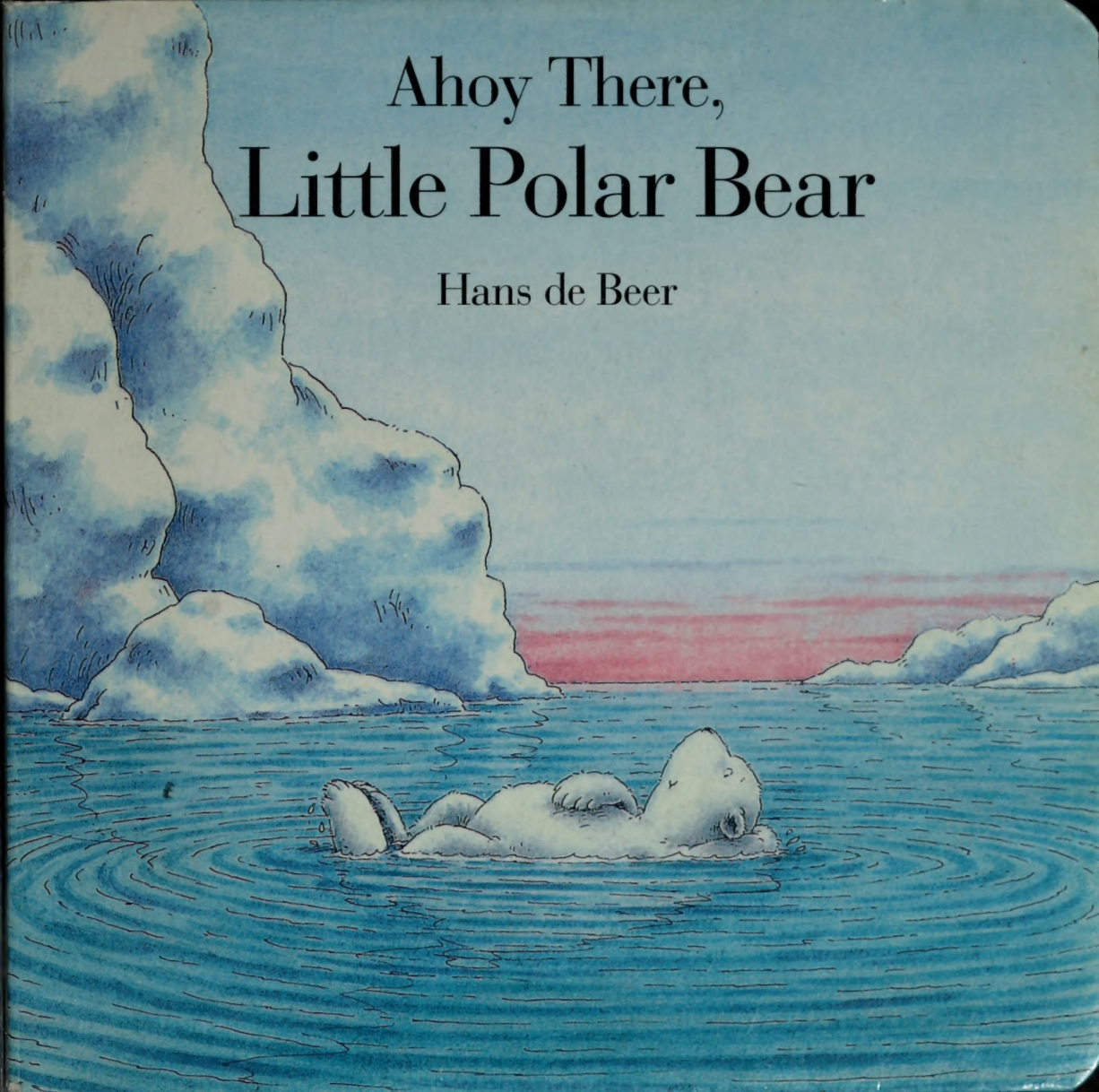
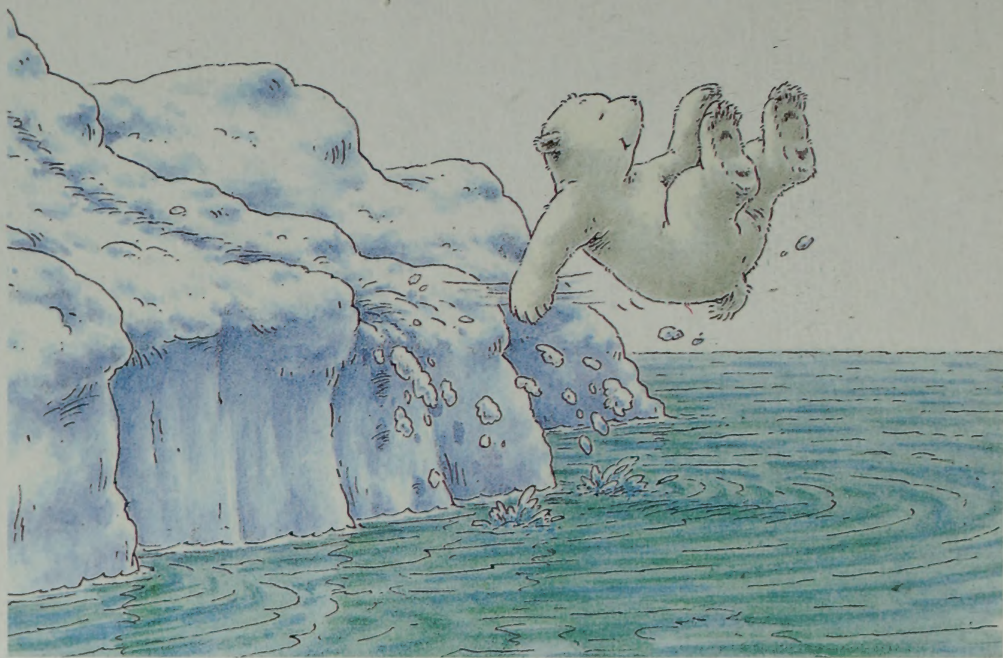


Ahoy There, Little Polar Bear

Hans de Beer



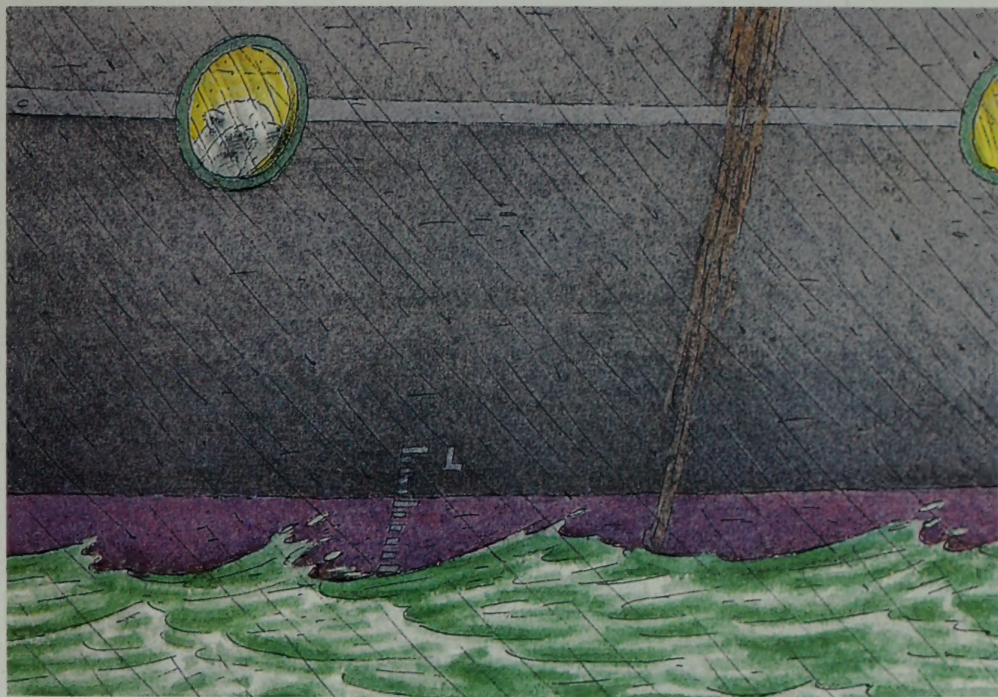


Lars, the Little Polar Bear, lived at the North Pole, where everything was clean and white.

One day he jumped into the sea to catch a fish, but it was Lars himself who was caught!







Lars was dumped into the hold of a ship.

He scrambled up a slippery ladder, then peeped through the porthole.

All he could see was water—no ice or snow.

He was lost!

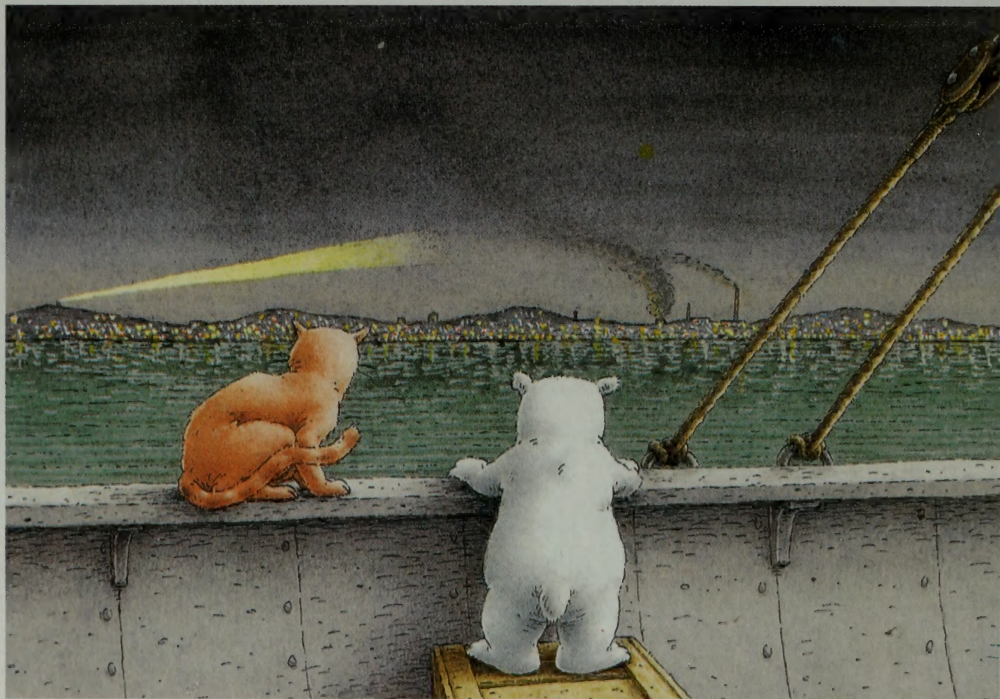




Up on deck he met Nemo, the ship's cat.

"Can you help me?" said Lars. "I want to go home!"

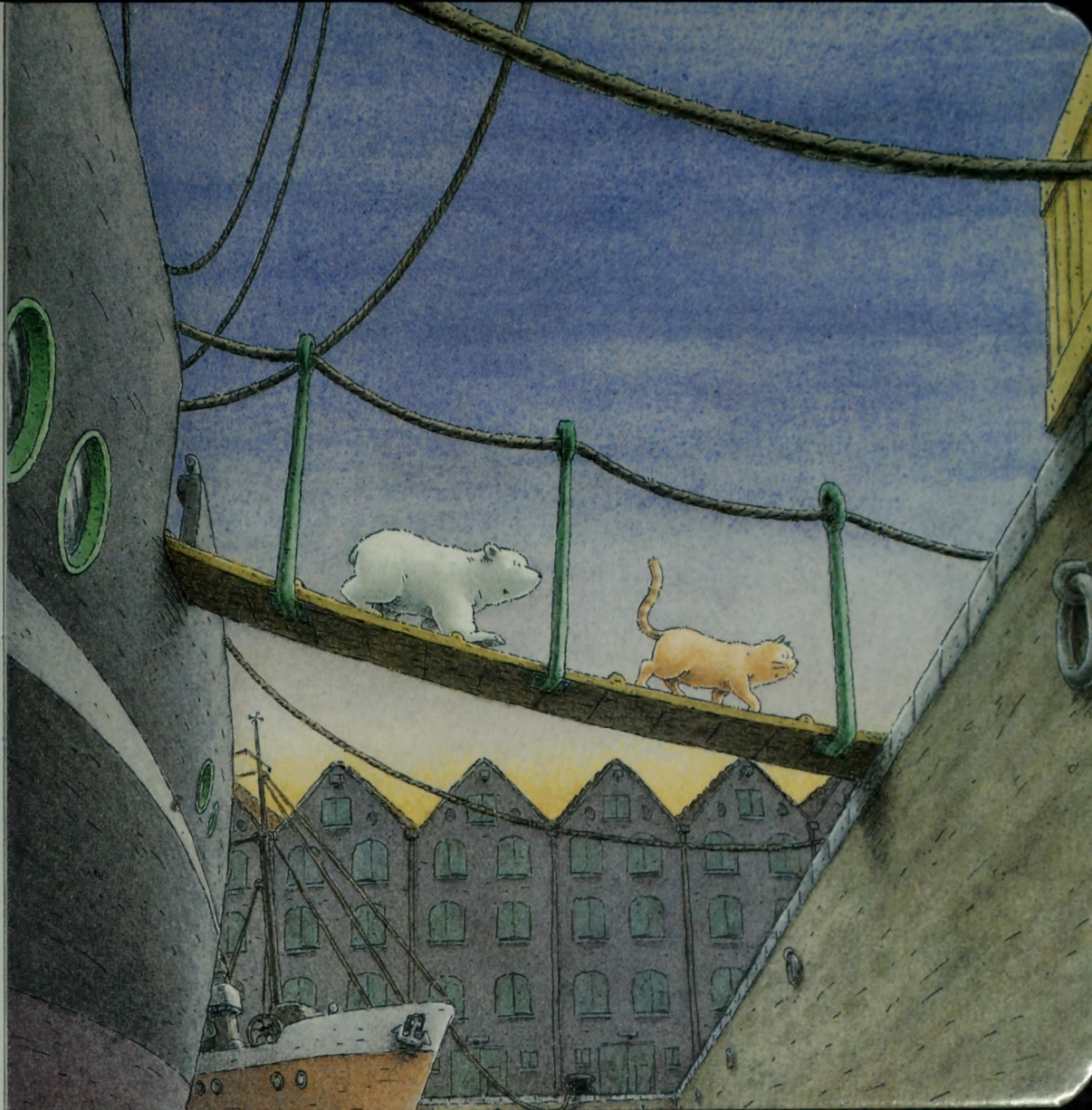
"Have a rest first," purred Nemo. "I will try to think of a way to help you."



That evening they saw many lights on the horizon.

“That’s where my friends live,” said Nemo. “Maybe they can help you get home.”

As soon as the ship reached port, Lars and Nemo crept down the gangplank and into the town.





Everything was very dirty, and Lars's fur didn't stay white for long.

Nemo led Lars to where all the town cats gathered and told them his problem.

A black-and-white cat stepped forward.

"I'm Johnny," he said. "My ship is going to the North Pole. Come with me, Little Polar Bear. I'll help you get home."





The time on the ship passed quickly.
Before long Lars saw something wonderful. "Look,
Johnny! The North Pole. See how clean and white it is?"
Lars thanked Johnny and said good-bye.
Then he slid down the anchor chain into the sea.



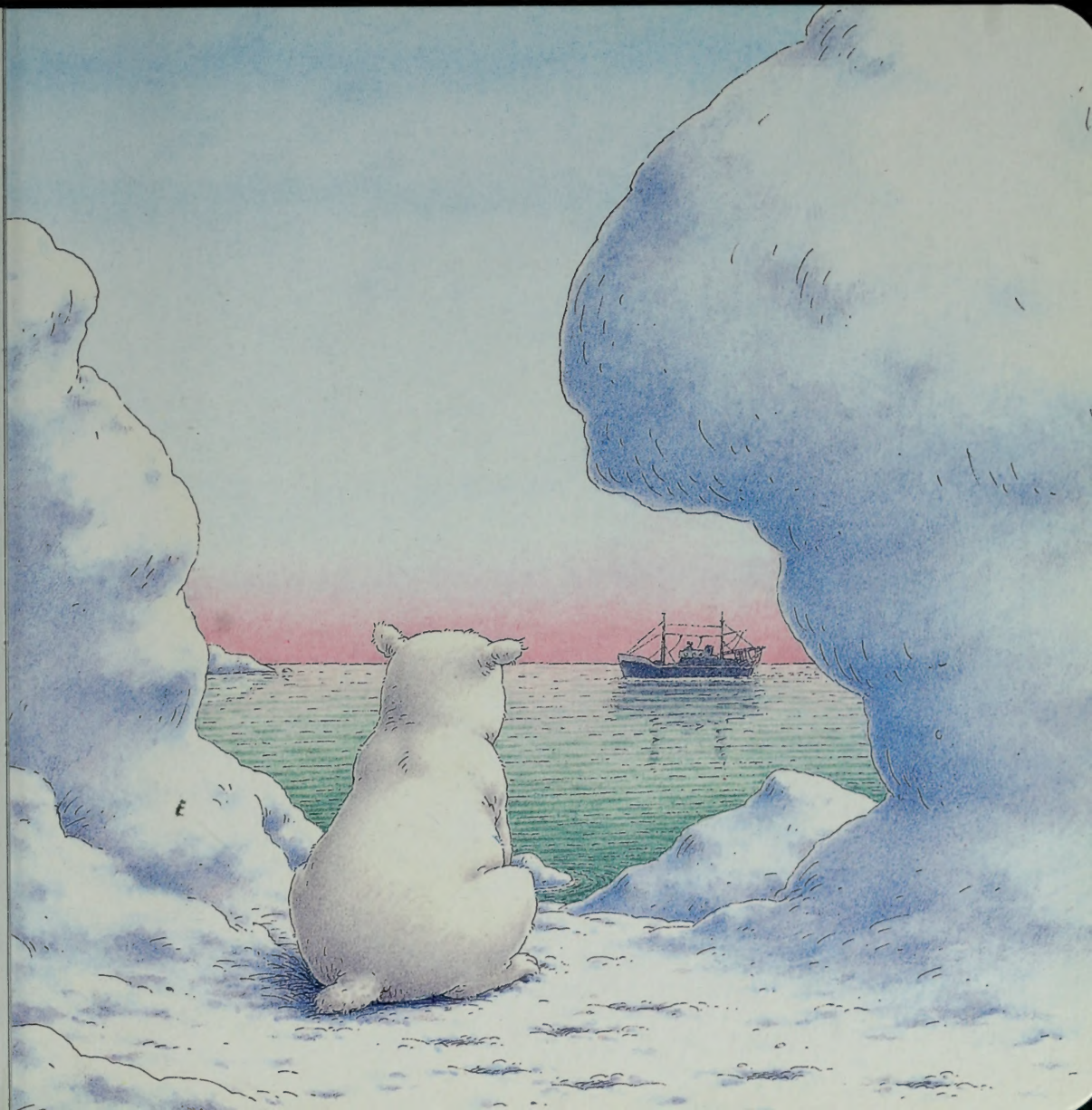


As Lars swam happily through the water, the sea washed his fur clean.

His worried parents were waiting on shore.

Lars told them all about his adventure and even tried to show them what a cat looked like.

Lars was happy to be home again, but often he sat and stared out to sea looking for ships—and ship's cats.



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